Srl. No.	*Cadre*	*Representation*		*Backlog*	
		SCs	*STs*	*SCs*	*STs*
1.	Officers	118	31	4	3
2.	Clerks	159	56	4	7
3.	Sub-Staff (Including Sweepers	159	44	1	6

(c) IDBI has launched a special recruitment drive and expects to clear maximum possible backlog by 31.3.1992.

Writ Petitions pending in High Courts

3753. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Writ Petitions on service matters are pending in various High Court, particularly in Allahabad High Court, for over 10 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of employees who have retired during the pendency of these petitions; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the disposal of these cses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGRAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). Writ propertion on service matters pending for more than 10 years only a very small perforation of the total pending Writ Petitions relating to service matters. The pendency of cases is due to a variety of complex factors such as institution of more cases in Courts including abuse of the process of the Courts, delay in disposal of cases, inadequate infrastructural facilities, delay in disposal of cases, etc.

(c) No such date is being maintained by the Government.

(d) The Judge strength has been increased from time to time. The various Courts have taken suitable steps such as grouping of cases involving common questions of law, giving to cases requiring quick disposal, constitution of specialised benches, etc. to expedite disposal of all the cases. The various recommendations made by the Arrears Committee, which examined the problem of arrears in preirity and State Governments for necessary follow-up action.

[*Translation*]

Army personnel killed in performing civil duties

3754. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of army personnel

killed while performing civil duties during the last three; and

(b) the details of the grants and facilities provided to the families of such soldiers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The number of Army personnel killed while providing aid to civil authorities)Maintenance of Law and Order) during the last three years is ninety five.

(b) The details of the Pensionary and other benefits are given in the statement.

STATEMENT

The families of Army personnel who die while performing civil duties are eligible for Special Family Pension, Death gratuity and Family Gratuity as detailed below:-

(A) SPECIAL FAMILY PENSION

If the widow is childless:		*Rtes of Special Family Pension*
REckonable emoluments (RE)		
(i)	Not exceeding Rs. 1500/-	50% of RE
(ii)	Between Rs. 1501/- and Rs.3000/-	40% of Re subject to a minimum of Rs. 750/-
(iii)	Exceeding Rs. 3000/-	30% of RE subject to minimum of Rs. 1200/- and maximum of Rs. 2500/-
If the widow has child/ children:		
	In all cases	60% of RE subject of minimum of Rs. 750/- and a maximum of Rs. 2500/-

(B) DEATH GRATUITY

	Length of Service	*Amount*
(a)	Less than 1 year	2 times RE
(b)	1 to 5 years	6 times RE
(c)	5 to 20 years	12 times RE
(d)	More than 20 years	One month's RE for every completed year subject to maximum of 33 years or Rs I lakh whichever is less.

(C) FAMILY GRATUITY: Family gratuity at the specified rates ranging from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 19000/- for Officers and Rs. 450/- to Rs. 1600/- for JCOs and OR depending on the rank.

2. In case above duties are related to the Operatives like OP RAKSHAK /RHINO/ BAJRANG, in place of Special Family Pension mentioned above, Liberalised Family Pension equal to RE drawn at the time of death will be applicable.

3. EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:

A son/daughter or near relative of service personnel died in harness and who is not below 18 years in age is considered for employment for a group 'C' /'D' vacancy depending upon his/her educational qualification. Such applications are not required to be routed through employment Exchange. As per existing Government Order, employees died in harness is restricted to 14.5% (both for Service and Civilian Personnel) of total vacancies in Group 'C' and 'D' respectively.

Priorities are also given to the sons of service given to the sons of service personnel who died in harness for recruitment in the Army under the Unit HQ quota provide they meet the QR and suitable vacancy is available.

4. GALLANTRY AWARD:

ASHOKA CHAKRA SERIES: Ashoka Chakra series of awards, which consist of the Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra, are awarded for the acts of gallantry otherwise than in the face of enemy. Monetary Allowances in respect of these awards are:-

(a) Ashoka Chakra — Rs. 180/- p.m.

(b) Kirti Chakra — Rs. 140/- p.m.

(c) Shaurya Chakra — Rs. 100/- p.m.

5. ARMY GROUP INSURANCE (AGI)

At present the following benefits are provide to the next of kin of AGI Fund numbers:-

Enhanced Insurance Benefits

Officers	*JCOs/ORs*
Rs. 3.50 Lakhs	Rs. 1.50 Lakhs

6. CONCESSIONS/ASSISTANCE FOR ARMY WIDOWS NOK OUT OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Scholarship

(a) AOCEF (Army Officers Contributory Education Fund) Rs. 300/- per child per year for two children. Age 10 to 18 years (for officers only)

(b) BMA (Bengal Masonic Association Inter Services Charitable Trust)- Rate varies from Rs. 400/- to Rs. 1800/- per annum applicable to one child of service personnel who expire while in service.

OR

(c) AWWA (Army Wives Welfare Association): Scholarship is given to one child of Service personnel who expire while in service.

7. GRANTS

(a) AWWA (Army Wives Welfare Association): Renders financial assistance to widows of officers, JCOs, NCOs and OR at the rate of Rs. 2000/-, Rs. 1200/-, Rs, 800/- respectively.

(b) AOBF (Army officers Benevolent Fund): Only for officers Rs. 20,000/- in instalments.

(c) DAPW & O FUND (Disable Army Personnel, Widows & Orphans Fund): Renders financial assistances to disabled ex-

Servicemen, widows and orphaned children of officers, JCOs' and OR.

(d) AG'S WELFARE FUND On special request DD-40 form is to be filled and sent through their respective HQ Command for financial assistance.

(e) AG's ACCOMMODATION RELIEF FUND: Rs . 300/- per month for six months.

Chit fund companies

3755. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private finance and chit fund companies operating in the county and the details of the deposits held by them;

(b) whether the accounts of income and expenditure of these companies are monitored;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor:

(d) whether some cases of closure of finance companies and non-refund of the deposits to the public have come to the Government's notice during the last three years;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that as per the annual reports received by them as on 31st March 1990 from financial companies and conventional chit fund companies in the private sector, their deposits were as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

	No. of reporting companies	*Deposits from public*	*Exempted deposits*	*TOTAL*
(a) *Financial Companies*				
(i) Public Companies	1,797	1,995	5,345	7,340
(ii) Private Companies	4,758	285	1,242	1,526
(b) *Conventional Chit fund companies*				
(i) Public Companies	52	----	101	101
(ii) Private Companies	1,055	1	773	774